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CLOTURE IS

WILL OPERATE DURING REST OF TALK FEST

FIVE DEMOCRATS VOTED
AGAINST IT—HITCHCOCK
TRIED TO RAISE SAME OB-
JECTION AGAINST IT THAT
WAS USED SUCCESSFULLY
AGAINST HIS PETITION.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—Senate, vote of seventy-eight to sixteen adopted the Cloture petition proposed by Senator Lodge today to limit debate on the Peace Treaty. When Vice-President Marshall laid the petition before the Senate Senator Hitchcock immediately jumped to his feet and raised a point of order against Lodge's Cloture petition. Hitchcock declared his own petition, offered earlier in the week was ruled out of order because it specified what measures were intended to be covered. He raised the same objections to Lodge's Cloture motion. Senator LaFollette objected when Mr. Marshall began to rule on Hitchcock's objection. By a vote of sixty-two to thirty the chair was sustained.

Marshall announced that the adoption of Cloture will not prevent the offering and considering of resolutions of ratification if the lodge reservations are rejected, provided a majority of the Senate desire.

Mr. Marshall ruled that Cloture will continue until the Treaty is entirely disposed of. Eleven Republicans and five Democrats voted against Cloture. The Lodge reservation on mandates on domestic questions was immediately taken up. Senators sat mute fearing to say a word lest it be taken from their time. Mr. Marshall announced the Secretary of the Senate would keep time on each member, allowing each one hour.

The Senate adopted a reservation exempting domestic questions from the League by a vote of fifty-nine to thirty-six. It was amended to cover disputes between Maine and Canada. The Lodge reservation to safeguard the Monroe Doctrine was adopted fifty-five to thirty-three after three attempts of Democrats alter it had failed.

This is the third reservation agreed to to-day. The Shantung reservation will be taken up next. Senator McCumber, leader of the mild reservationists, announced that on this reservation he would split with the Lodge group.

AFTER SUGAR PRUITTEERS.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—Department of Justice agents throughout the country today were instructed to investigate where dealers are selling sugar at over twenty cents a pound. Some are reported as selling as high as twenty-five cents. One conviction on a charge of sugar profiteering is reported from New York. The wholesale sugar prices have been fixed and will continue until January first.

PRESIDENT MOVING ABOUT.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—President Wilson was so much improved today that he was permitted to walk around in his room.

The Directors of this Corp may meet as a Board of Directors, and at such time and place they shall deem necessary or able, and shall have power to appoint or employ agents, servants or employees, and shall seem to them advisable in the business, or business of this Corporation, and determine the duties, compensation and terms of such agents, servants or employees.

The manner of calling meetings of the stockholders, except stockholders' annual meeting, shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. Stockholders shall vote by ballot counting one vote for each share of stock owned by a holder on the books of the company. Any stockholder may present to the meeting a proper proxy signed by the owner of the stock he seeks to vote.

ARTICLE VI.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this Corporation shall be subject, shall be determined by the Board of Directors, and shall be equalization of the personal tax roll it developed that council had no legal authority to make any changes in the personal tax list recently submitted, and which had already been under consideration by the council as an equalization board. On legal advice it was then determined to reopen the entire matter. A resolution to this effect was adopted, stating that a new roll should be prepared for certain corrections.

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It was brought out at the meeting last night that the inequalities pointed out recently in the personal roll was not the fault of any individual, but of the system which has been followed in the city's taxing plan. City Tax Assessor Jarrett was exonerated of all blame, and commended for the work he did in revising the books a year ago.

A special meeting of the council will be held Monday night to sit as an equalizing board.

Statement From Mr. Jarrett.

This morning Assessor Jarrett made a statement, setting forth his position in the matter of the personal tax roll. He points out that he has followed the system approved by council. In justice to Mr. Jarrett The News prints his statement in full, as follows:

"The city tax assessor, in making this and last year's assessment, followed the system that has been recognized and sanctioned by the City Council for years past and that is the system of making a nominal assessment of personal tax.

"It is impracticable to justly value a man's personal effects; to determine the value of his household goods, paintings, silverware and jewelry and to ascertain just what he has for assessment purposes and fix an assessment on a basis of fifty per cent.

"When the present Tax Assessor took over the books there were not one half of the personal property owners in town assessed at all. The salary for that year was fixed at \$1000.00 in order to enable him to thoroughly canvass the town for all personal property owners, and to correct all the descriptions of real estate. The result was that he added several hundred names to the personal list, corrected the real estate descriptions and added several thousands of dollars to the assessment; far more than enough to pay his salary.

"When this was done the salary was reduced to \$600.00 and the office to expire January 1st, which makes this year's salary only \$400.00 approximately.

"The question of value to personal property never has been raised. It has always been nominal and the city council and general public have accepted it. This has been the system for years past.

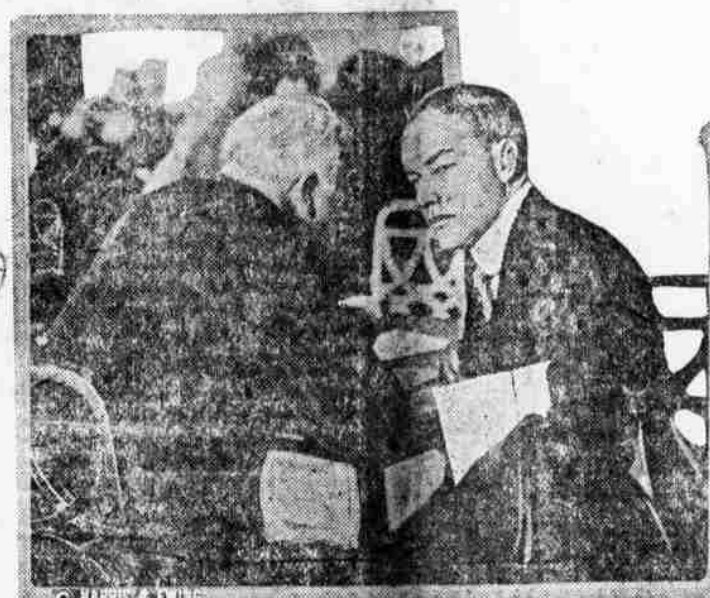
"There are no inaccuracies on the books. The only question is the low assessment. The city council has gone over these matters year after year and allowed them to remain nominal.

"Every firm, corporation and individual in the city, subject to taxation, are taxed and no omissions occur.

"When the assessment was made

LIMIT PEACE DEBATE FIXED BY U. S. SENATORS

CAPITAL AND LABOR CONFERRING



John D. Rockefeller, Jr., discussing with Frank Morrison some of the problems of the industrial conference in Washington. The scene is the conference room of the Pan-American building.

BEET SUGAR TO BE SOLD FOR 10 AND HALF CENTS

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FIXES
PRICE BUT THERE ARE MANY
WHO BELIEVE THAT PRODUC-
ERS WILL NOT SELL AND SITU-
ATION WILL NOT BE RELIEV-
ED.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—The department of justice has fixed a flat price of ten and a half cents wholesale for all beet sugar placed on the market by the western growers. This announcement elicited the opinion from many quarters that growers will not sell at this price and that the shortage of sugar will continue.

This price was fixed at a lengthy conference between Howard Figg, special assistant to the attorney general in charge of food prices, and representatives of the leading beet sugar refiners, who had sought an increase over the present price on the grounds that they could not make a reasonable profit.

Previously beet sugar prices, ranged from ten cents a pound in most sections to ten and one-half cents. It was said that a general order would be issued within a week which would "settle the sugar prices and avoid further misunderstandings."

Plans are being considered by the department for the creation of a sugar distributing committee to sit in Chicago and to have complete control of the distributing of all beet sugar.

EXPLOSION AT POWDER MILL.

(By United Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15—Terrible explosion occurred today at Trojan Powder Company's works near San Lorenzo, Cal. Facts concerning the explosion are unavailable. The detonation rattled windows in San Francisco, fifteen miles distant.

last year the city Tax Assessor conferred with a number of the councilmen and it was agreed that \$100.00 should be the minimum assessment, and the books were accepted accordingly, however, he raised the assessments generally of all business.

"The books will show that automobiles and household goods have been given a normal assessment for the past ten years."

SMITH UNDECIDED ON ROAD PALATKA TO GAINESVILLE

CONFERENCE AT GAINESVILLE
YESTERDAY LAID FOUNDATION
FOR FINAL DECISION TO
BE MADE AT JACKSONVILLE
IN TWO WEEKS.

Good roads delegations from Palatka, Hawthorne and Gainesville met with Chairman M. M. Smith, of the state road commission, yesterday afternoon at Gainesville. The Palatka delegation was composed of Chairman Steen, of the county commissioners, Harry de Montmolin, president of the Business Mens' Association, R. J. Hancock, clerk of Circuit Court, A. H. Sile, of the good roads committee, A. Usina, Captain F. E. Wayner and A. H. Odum.

A large delegation of Alachua county citizens were also present and if Chairman Smith doubted the desire in this section for the road his mind was disabused. Strong arguments as to why this link should be made a part of the road system were advanced and both counties indicated their desire to do their part towards helping build it. Chairman Smith was non-committal, saying that projects in mind now will require about a million dollars more than the state commission has to spend. Whether or not the projects in view are more important than the Gainesville-Palatka road Mr. Smith would not say.

Another conference before the full commission will be held in Jacksonville in two weeks during the state fair. At that time even stronger representations will be made.

The visiting delegates to the conference at Gainesville were cordially entertained by Chairman Taylor, of the Alachua county bond commission and Maj. Johnson at dinner at the White House.

HEAVY SNOW IN PARIS.

Much Suffering On Account of Scarcity of Coal.

(By United Press.)

PARIS, Nov. 15—Paris was covered with the heaviest snowfall in years today. Coupled with the coal shortage and strikes the frigid weather was causing great suffering among the poorer classes. Rumors of possible Bolshevik outbreaks during Sunday's parliamentary elections were persistent.

CONFESSES MURDER OF DRINK CRAZED BROTHER

(By United Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. Nov. 15—After buying a coffin and burial clothes for his brother Leslie, Albert Ford surrendered to the County Sheriff today declaring he had killed Leslie when attacked by the latter on their plantation near here last night. According to Albert Ford's story Leslie was crazed from drinking a bottle of patented medicine yesterday while seeking a drink with "kick in it."

CARR'S HARD JOB.

Must Decide Whether Brother Was Living Happily With Wife.

(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—Julian S. Carr, Jr., of Durham, N. C., faces the task of deciding whether Mrs. Albert Marvin Carr, his sister-in-law, was living happily with her husband at the time of the latter's death. If he decides affirmatively, Mrs. Aurelia F. Carr, Albert Carr's widow, becomes a beneficiary under her husband's will. If not, she gets nothing. Carr left an estate valued at about \$250,000.

STATISTICS ON THE KICK

Experts in St. Louis Have Figured Out Percentages in Alcoholic.

(By United Press.)

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 15—Six authorities on alcohol and its effects, after tests on men and women regular drinkers, occasional drinkers and total abstainers, have found:

Two cups of coffee have as much "kick" as twenty one pints of one half of one per cent. beer.

A stomach full of "2.75" is only enough for one quarter of one drunk.

Twenty one and a half quarts of one half of one per cent beer is necessary for intoxication, but the human stomach will only hold one seven-tenths of that quantity.

Six pints of one half of one per cent. beer rapidly consumed is the same as one teaspoonful of alcohol.

These facts are contained in affidavits filed by the six authorities including Dr. John Marshall, Professor of Chemistry and Toxicology in the University of Pennsylvania. The affidavits were filed in Federal court here in support of the application of local brewers to restrain enforcement of the Volstead prohibition law.

TO PROBE AT ROOT

Industrial Trouble to Be Discussed at Washington Monday.

(By United Press.)

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 15.—Industrial troubles of the nation are the fault of:

Minimum level of production of coal, metal, and oil, with maximum costs of labor, supplies and transportation.

Inflation of national currency. Continued demands of labor radicals for nationalization of basic industries, and

Labor's demands for shorter hours to prevent idleness.

That is the summary of the situation as outlined in the call for the "unofficial" round table peace conference which opens here Monday.

D'ANNUNZIO'S LEAVES FIUME

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—Gabriele D'Annunzio, accompanied by his staff officers and twelve hundred men has left Fiume and landed at Zara on the Dalmatian Coast, the State Department announced to-day.

COUNTRY IS JUST WET NOW IN FEW ISOLATED SPOTS

FEDERAL JUDGES CANNOT
AGREE ON VALIDITY OF WAR
TIME PROHIBITION—BEER BE-
ING SOLD IN SEVERAL CITIES
OVER THE COUNTER.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—The Supreme Court here is now being looked to to finally decide the momentous question of the validity of war time prohibition as applied now. Several federal judges who have given opinions and rendered decisions on the question widely differ.

In New York Judge Learned Hand of the United States district court differed with nine other United States judges who have attacked the validity of war-time prohibition and the Volstead act.

Judge Hand's decision covered the petitions of Jacob Ruppert, Inc., and Dryfoos, Blum & Co., both based on the claim that the law was confiscatory and therefore unconstitutional. The court held that the real question was whether the war powers of congress extended beyond the actual cessation of hostilities, and declared that "until the declaration of peace, congress has power to deal with a matter directly arising from the prosecution of war."

Decisions by nine other United States judges were as follows:

Judge Mayer, New York, held that 2.75 per cent beer was not prohibited, because it had not been proved to be intoxicating.

Judge Rose, Baltimore; Judge Anderson, Boston, and the United States District judge in New Orleans, and three judges of the United States circuit court of appeals, Second district, also held that war-time prohibition did not apply to any but actually intoxicating beverages.

Judge Brown, Providence, ordered that the Volstead act be not enforced in view of the probability that it would be declared unconstitutional.

Judge Evans, Louisville, held the Volstead act to be unconstitutional, and issued an order authorizing the sale of tax-paid whiskey.

NAVY NOT HOARDING.

Supply of Sugar on Hand Would Last Country Ten Hours.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—The Navy has nine million pounds of sugar on hand, Secretary Daniels today informed the House. Of this amount three million pounds is aboard naval vessels. That the Navy is not hoarding sugar is shown by the fact that the total supply would last the country only ten hours, according to Herbert Hoover's figures.

BAZAAR AND SUPPER.

St. Katherine's Guild of the St. Marks Episcopal church will give a bazaar and supper in the night of December 16. To make plans for this a special meeting of the guild will be held at the guild hall Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

MRS. ASTOR'S SUCCESS SURE.

(By United Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 15—London milliners accept the election of Lady Nancy Astor to the House of Commons as a foregone conclusion. One shop announces the creation of "specially designed hats for parliamentary wear."